

Minutes From a Meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life

Held on December 1, 2000

Hall 769 10:00am SGW Campus

Present: Dr. D. Boisvert, Chair, Ms J. Hackett, Secretary, Ms J. Calder, Mr. R. Côté, Ms M. Drew, Ms J. Fowler, Mr. A. Gagnon, Dr. S.M. Graub, Mr. T. Keefer, Ms A. Kerby, Ms J. Raso, Ms T. Ryan, Ms N. Sajnani, Mr. C. Schulz, Ms C. Boujaklian, Ms L. Lipscombe, Ms L. Toscano

Absent with Regrets: Ms K. Hedrich, Mr. C. Dubois, Dr. J. Jans, Dr. F. Shaver, Mr H. Zarins, Mr. W. Curran

Absent: Ms M. Hussein, Ms L. Stanbra, Mr. S. Nazzal

Guests: Mr. K. Pruden, Mr. R. Stom, Mr C. Jacob, Mr. J. Peters

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Jacob asked that that item 6.1 "Greening of Concordia" be inserted earlier in the agenda. As council had no objection, Dr. Boisvert inserted item 6.1 directly after the Approval of the Minutes, item 3 on the agenda.

2. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Dr. Boisvert informed Council that Ms Kerby, Director of Advocacy & Support Services will be on a one year professional development leave effective January 2, 2001. Dr. Boisvert took the opportunity to introduce to council Me Pierre Fréreau who will be Acting Director of Advocacy & Support Services. Me Fréreau is currently Supervising Lawyer of the Concordia Legal Info Services.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF November 3, 2000

Council approved the minutes of the November 3, 2000 meeting.

6. STUDENT LIFE ISSUES

6.1 Greening of Concordia Presentation

Mr. Jacob briefly explained the history of the project. It had begun as an initiative of the Urban Studies Students Association. The project now strives to involve the whole of the Concordia Community. Through a series of overheads, Mr. Jacob gave a brief overview of the project. The targeted areas are:

- McConnell Terrace & Roof
- Greenhouse above the new SGW Student Centre
- Greening of the new SGW Campus Facilities
- Greening of Loyola

He explained there were working groups in place now. He outlined the employment proposal, the various funding options, as well as the possibility of credits being awarded for work on the project. The following three motions were submitted for approval by CCSL:

Support by CCSL for:

- Greening of Concordia's bid to obtain funds from the Capital Campaign
- Greening of Concordia's application for work-study positions
- Funding from CCSL Student Initiated Project Fund

Dr. Boisvert asked for comments from Council. Ms Kerby expressed concern with the lack of a time-line with no short-term or long-term goals identified. Mr. Keefer felt it was not proper for CCSL to consider motions without more information on the project. He said as there was no distributed documentation explaining the project or budget in detail, he did not feel it was appropriate for CCSL to approve these motions. With respect to the motion for support for funding from the CCSL Student Initiated Project Fund, he felt it was not within the mandate of CCSL to interfere with the decisions of a CCSL sub-committee. Dr. Boisvert agreed, adding that although he commended the enthusiasm displayed, more information would be required before Council could consider these motions. Specifically, Council asks for a written proposal with budgetary information, a forum for open consultation with students, a time-line with specified goals and clear requests and objectives.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4. 1 Revised Poster Policy

Mr. Pruden drew Council's attention to the distributed revised policy. He indicated that he had removed the clause that restricted commercial advertising. He felt it was important now to come to an agreement concerning the poster policy. Dr. Boisvert agreed it was time to finalize the policy and move forward. He asked for comments from council. Mr. Keefer said he still had concerns with the revised draft. He suggested that perhaps a working group could be formed to revise the policy. Dr. Boisvert thought that was a positive solution. The working group will consist of Mr. T. Keefer, Mr. K. Pruden, Ms C. Boujaklian, Mr. R. Stom, Mr. P. Aubé and Ms N. Sajnani.

4.2 CCSL Student Initiated Project Funding Allocation Committee Revised Proposal

Dr. Boisvert drew Council's attention to the document which had been previously distributed. He reminded Council that the document had been approved in principle at the November CCSL meeting with the understanding that certain expressed concerns would be incorporated into the document for the December CCSL meeting. Dr. Boisvert indicated that the revisions to the original document were highlighted in bold and italics. Council approved the revised document.

4.3 CSU Response to the University Draft Policy on Demonstrations

A document addressing the CSU response to the University's draft policy on demonstrations was distributed to Council. Mr. Keefer informed council that although the CSU Council has not yet approved this document, he felt it was beneficial to get feedback from CCSL. Ms Kerby appreciated the concerns expressed by the CSU. However, she felt that the document was more of a protest rather than constructive criticism on what the policy should be. Mr. Keefer felt that #6 of the CSU document addresses this issue. He reiterated that if the governing bodies of the university were truly democratic and truly reflected the interests of the university community, there would be no need for students to engage in protests. Ms Lipscombe reminded Council that as the policy did not only address student protests, but protests organized by "out-side groups" it was important to have a protocol. Dr. Boisvert said that "protocol" is what the university has now in the absence of a formal policy. After a brief discussion, Dr. Boisvert suggested that the CSU Response document come back to CCSL in February after approval by the CSU Council. He asked that Council be prepared to take on stand on the document at that time.

4.4 Student Participation in University Governance Report Update

Dr. Boisvert informed Council that he had nothing official to report at this time. Ms Sajnani asked if there was any feedback from the Rector's Office. There wasn't. However, Dr. Boisvert said it was important to have clear criteria in place as it is anticipated that Student Services might be able to "free up" some resources in order to provide some funding for the bursaries before the academic year is finished. He asked that Mr. Pruden provide a document outlining the criteria before the February CCSL meeting.

4.5 Schedule for CCSL Meetings for Winter Semester

Dr. Boisvert confirmed that the meetings for the winter semester were scheduled as follows: February 2, March 2, April 5 and May 11. Council

did not feel it was necessary to schedule additional meetings at this time. However, Dr. Boisvert said special meetings can be convened as necessary.

5. REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Dr. Boisvert said there was no scheduled presentation but he drew Council's attention to the distributed reports by the Student Services Directors. He suggested if there were any questions, they could be addressed at the February CCSL meeting.

Ms Fowler informed Council that that there had been a meeting on November 28th with Dean of Fine Arts to discuss the various space issues and funding problems currently facing the students. She felt it was a good start and will continue to update Council.

Mr. Côté reminded Council that the deadline for Incourse Bursaries is December 15th.

Ms Raso invited Council to have lunch at the People's Potato, as this was the last "serving day" before the Christmas break.

Mr. Stom confirmed that the "test mural project" is going very well with the assistance of the Vice-Rector, Services.

Dr. Boisvert confirmed that the motion approved by CCSL concerning poster space will be brought to the attention of the Vice-Rector, Services.

Ms Sajnani invited Council to the GSA Christmas party on December 8th from 4pm-110m.

Mr. Schultz asked for an update on the "mold problem" that exists in Annex P. He was concerned as this location will be the prayer space for the Muslim men and he wanted to ensure that the environment would be safe. Ms Boujaklian agreed to contact Health & Safety on this issue. Dr. Boisvert assured CCSL that the space will be "environmentally safe" before any student groups are located there.

7. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE RECREATION & ATHLETICS BOARD

Ms Kerby confirmed that the board had met and discussed the Athletics' year-end budget, upgrades and "fixes" over the summer as well as the partnership with the advancement office and fund-raising. Ms Kerby

reminded Council that the report from the Director had been appended to the distributed CCSL minutes. She expressed concern that the student –at-large position on the board was still vacant. Mr. Stom offered to look into this and remedy the situation as soon as possible.

8. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

9. NEXT MEETING:

Next Meeting: Friday, February 2, 2001 SGW Campus, H 769

10. TERMINATION OF MEETING

A motion to terminate the meeting was made by Ms Kerby and seconded by Ms Lipscombe.

The Motion was carried unanimously